starting factory industries, how can you start then the potteries and the tanneries ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—The result has shown what would be the fate if it is started without the necessary information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—So do you admit that you made a mistake ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It has already been corrected.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do you view this problem as a business-like proposition alone ? Do you consider the proposition in its bearing to the amelioration of the workers without any capital who form the majority of our population?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—It is possible to have a suicidal way of alleviating misery which is not done in a business-like fashion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the method Government have in stock to ameliorate the condition of the majority?

Mr. I N. Menon.—If the Hon'ble Member will turn to a question answered in the previous meeting Government have said there what they are trying to do to organise methods of relief.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to understand that the Government are not in a position to say the exact way in which they are going to ameliorate the condition of the poor?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—That is why we are conducting an economic survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—About the educated unemployment, Sir, may I know whether greater expenditure on the technical branches and large State schemes to absorb them be of any use to reduce the educated unemployment?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, the problem is so wide a one that I am not in a position off-hand to answer either 'Yes' or 'No'. I have given answer there that the only line of improvement that suggests itself to me is to reorganise our educational system in such a way as to respond to the actual needs of the people.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to the last paragraph, in the light of your 'Yes', what was the point in your advising the non-officials to bring in bills themselves?

Mr. I. N. Menon. – I am not aware of any bills having been asked to be introduced.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the answer under reference you had advised the non-officials to bring in bills instead of raising these issues through questions and all that. If the bills are being vetoed, what is the earthly use of our bringing them in the Council?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Sir, it may be an error of memory, but I am not aware of having initiated any such thing.

Motor boats—levy of fees on.

276. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— With reference to Question 25, dated 21st July 1933, regarding levies on

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motor and steam boats, will the Government be pleased to state the correct position of their two alternative ones?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There are no alternatives to be considered. It is clear from the context that the dues that are being realised by the Cochin Canal Department according to the rules in force were fixed with reference to the rates prevailing in Travancore and Malabar.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, in the answer under reference, did not the Hon'ble Member for Engineering say, or at any previous meetings of this Council was he pleased to say, that these rates were levied after consulting the boat-owners themselves?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not remember to have said so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is he in a position to say definitely?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the light of the facts, will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to see that regarding boats ranging between 2 and 99 tons, the matter of having a graduated scale of taking them will be revised in view of the disabilities we have already brought to your notice and in view of the fact that the Hon'ble Member for Engineering has been pleased to say that in general the Government would be pleased to look into the matter of alleviating their miseries? Will the Government be pleased to say whether there is any harm in making these instlments four, instead of the two which were allowed for the last few years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I am sorry I am not in a position to say anything definitely on this question at present as to whether we can sanction an instalment system of payment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has not the Government been pleased to give two instalments already?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—One or two years previously we made that concession. It was also in collaboration with the Travancore Government. We can consider this question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Thanks.

Cranganur Hospital and Typhoid Patients.

277. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government say the number of Typhoid patients treated in the Cranganur Hospital within the last one year?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Sixty-five (up to 13th Karkadagam 1109).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know how many of these people died?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—I have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the Hon'ble Member for Medicine in a position to say whether at least one died?

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